## Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA

to act, the representative of the handler, producer-packer, or importer or his or her estate, shall be considered the first handler, producer-packer, or importer for the purposes of this part.

# § 1240.120 Retention period for records.

Each first handler, producer-packer, importer, or any person who receives an exemption from assessments under §§1240.42 (a) and (b) required to make reports pursuant to this subpart shall maintain and retain for at least two years beyond the marketing year of their applicability: One copy of each report made to the Board, records of all exempt producers, producer-packers, and importers including certification of exemption as necessary to verify the address of such exempt person and such records as are necessary to verify such reports.

[56 FR 37458, Aug. 7, 1991]

## § 1240.121 Availability of records.

Each first handler, producer-packer, importer, or any person who receives an exemption from assessments under §§ 1240.42 (a) and (b) and is required to make reports pursuant to this subpart shall make available for inspection by authorized employees of the Board or the Secretary during regular business hours, such records as are appropriate and necessary to verify reports required under this subpart.

[56 FR 37458, Aug. 7, 1991]

# § 1240.122 Confidential books, records, and reports.

All information obtained from the books, records, and reports of handlers, producer-packers, importers or any persons who receive an exemption from assessments under §1240.42 (a) and (b) and all information with respect to refunds of assessments made to individual producers and importers shall be kept confidential in the manner and to the extent provided for in §1240.52 of the Order.

[56 FR 37458, Aug. 7, 1991]

# § 1240.123 Right of the Secretary.

All fiscal matters, programs, projects, rules or regulations, reports, or other substantive action proposed

and prepared by the Board shall be submitted to the Secretary for approval.

#### § 1240.124 Personal liability.

No member of the Board shall be held personally responsible, either individually or jointly with others, in any way whatsoever to any person for errors in judgment, mistakes, or other acts, either of commission or omission, as such member, alternate member, or employee except for acts of willful misconduct, gross negligence, or those which are criminal in nature.

### § 1240.125 OMB control numbers.

The control numbers assigned to the information collection requirements by the Office of Management and Budget pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Public Law 96-511, are as follows: OMB Number 0581-0093, except Board member nominee information sheets which are assigned OMB Number 0505-0001.

[56 FR 37458, Aug. 7, 1991]

## Subpart C—Referendum Procedures

SOURCE: 65 FR 48321, Aug. 7, 2000, unless othewise noted.

## §1240.200 General.

Referenda to determine whether eligible producers, importers, and, in the case of an order assessing handlers, handlers favor the continuation, suspension, termination, or amendment of the Honey Research, Promotion, and Consumer Information Order shall be conducted in accordance with this subpart.

## § 1240.201 Definitions.

- (a) *Act* means the Honey Research, Promotion, and Consumer Information Act (Pub. L. 98–590; 98 Stat. 3115; enacted October 30, 1984; 7 U.S.C. 4601–4613, as amended) and any amendments thereto.
- (b) Administrator means the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, with power to redelegate, or any officer or employee of the Department to whom authority has been delegated or may hereafter be delegated to act in the Administrator's stead.